

Staying Overnight

CAMPING DOs & DON'Ts: These rules protect the landscape & you!

NOTE: Some rules vary between the park & the national forest. Check bulletin boards for details.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Check locally for restrictions before starting any fires, including charcoal grills. Expect to find limitations on where you can have a fire; conditions are *very* dry.

Gather only dead & down wood; do not cut limbs from trees. Better yet, bring wood or buy it at a market. Fires must be out cold before you leave.

In the national forest & monument you must get a free campfire permit from the Hume Lake District Office, Grant Grove Visitor Center, Big Stump entrance station, or a Forest Service ranger.

CAMPSITES VS DISPERSED CAMPING

In the park, camp only in designated sites in campgrounds. In the National Forest & Monument roadside camping is permitted unless posted otherwise. Ask a ranger for possible locations.

HOLDING CAMPSITES

In first-come, first-served campgrounds, you may not hold a site for someone who has not arrived. Sites not occupied for 24 hours are considered abandoned; property may be impounded.

PROPANE CANISTERS

These cannot be disposed of in park dumpsters or garbage cans. Please take them with you.

QUIET HOURS

10pm-6am. Use generators from 9am-9pm only. Music should be audible in your campsite only.

RVS & TRAILERS

No hookups are available.

Trailers are permitted in all but four park campgrounds; check the chart on page 15. Many sites are not suitable for trailers or RVs. Vehicles over 30 feet long can fit in a small number of sites.

Length advisory: On Generals Highway in Sequoia Park, from Potwisha Campground to Giant Forest Museum, a vehicle length limit of 22 feet is advised. See page 11 for other limitations & warnings.

Dump stations: See chart on page 9 for locations in parks. There are several stations outside the parks; ask for details at visitor centers.

PROTECT THE PARK!

Do not use soaps in rivers, dig trenches, or level campsites. Protect soils & plants — park & travel on pavement only.

GROUP CAMPSITES

Summer only. Call in advance for information on reserving group tent-camping areas in the parks: Dorst 1-800-365-2267; Sunset 1-559-565-4335; Canyon View 1-559-565-3792. In the national forest/monument: 877-444-6777 or www.ReserveUSA.com.

LIMITS ON CAMPING

Many campgrounds allow only one vehicle & six people per site.

Check locally for slight variations in these limits. Parking is available for extra vehicles.

Camping is limited to 14 days between June 14-September 14, with 30 days total per year.

BE A CAMP HOST!

Volunteer hosts help care for campgrounds & resources. Their reward: living in beautiful areas & meeting great people. Learn more these and other volunteer opportunities; contact the Park Volunteer Coordinator, 47050 Generals Highway, Three Rivers, CA 93271-9651.



save a bear!

Sales from the Save-a-Bear Kit & color pin (above) directly support bear management. See them at visitor centers.

LODGING

SEQUOIA PARK

- **Wuksachi Village (DNPS)**
Reservations: 1-888-252-5757
Front Desk: 1-559-565-4070
www.visitsequoia.com. *All year. North of Sherman Tree 4 miles (6.4km). Lodge, restaurant, gifts. Sequoia Park's only center for commercial services in Sequoia.*

- **Silver City Mountain Resort ***
Summer: 1-559-561-3223
Winter: 1-805-528-2730
www.silvercityresort.com. *Open May 28 to late October. Cabins, chalets, supplies, restaurant, gifts, bakery, showers. No gasoline.*

KINGS CANYON PARK

- **Grant Grove Lodge & John Muir Lodge (KCPS)**
Reservations: 1-866-KCANYON
Front Desk: 1-559-335-5500
www.sequoia-kingscanyon.com. *All year. In Grant Grove. Cabins, hotel, restaurant, gifts, showers.*

- **Cedar Grove Lodge (KCPS)**
Reservations: 1-866-KCANYON
Front Desk: 1-559-565-0100
www.sequoia-kingscanyon.com. *Open May 13 to early Oct. In Cedar Grove. Motel, restaurant, public showers, gifts, laundry.*

SEQUOIA NATIONAL FOREST/MONUMENT

- **Montecito-Sequoia Lodge**
Reservations: 1-800-227-9900
Front Desk: 1-559-565-3388
www.mslodge.com. *All year. On Generals Hwy 9 miles (14.5 km) south of Grant Grove. Cabins, restaurant, hotel, lodge, seasonal & children's activities, swimming.*

- **Stony Creek Lodge (KCPS)**
Reservations: 1-866-KCANYON
Front Desk: 1-559-565-3909.
www.sequoia-kingscanyon.com. *Open late May into October. On Generals Highway between Grant Grove & Lodgepole. Hotel, restaurant, market, showers, gas.*

- **Historic Guard Station (FS)**
Reservations: 1-559-338-3222.
Open late May-November. A cabin in Big Meadows between Grant Grove & Lodgepole.

- **Kings Canyon Lodge (Private*)**
Reservations: 1-559-335-2405
Open mid April through November. On Hwy 180, 13 miles (21 km) east of Grant Grove. Food, cabins, gasoline.

NEIGHBORING TOWNS

Three Rivers, Lemon Cove, Squaw Valley & others offer year-round lodging, camping, & services. Ask at visitor centers or click "Plan your visit" on the park website, www.nps.gov/seki, & link to "Lodging."

WILDERNESS LODGES & PERMITS

Page 10 has details.

* Note: These two facilities on private land are not evaluated or regulated by the Park or Forest.

YOU MUST STORE ALL FOOD!

BEARS quickly learn to get food from cars, picnic tables, and backpacks. They then become destructive and sometimes aggressive. They want our food, not us, but people can get hurt. Too often these bears must be killed. This is why you may be fined if you do not store food properly:

- **DRIVERS:** Never leave any food or scented items in cars. Take infant seats out of cars; the smells they absorb may attract bears.

- **CAMPERS:** Store food day and night in the metal boxes provided (see page 11 for box sizes; avoid bringing coolers that won't fit).

Store **ALL** food, coolers, related items, and anything with an odor (even if it's not food) -- including unopened cans and bottles. Latch the box completely. Food not stored properly will be impounded. Where boxes are not provided, store food in the car trunk (seal food to reduce odors). If the car has no trunk, put everything on the floor, cover it well, and close the windows. Keep a clean campsite. Deposit garbage immediately in bear-proof containers or store it like food.

- **PICKNICKERS:** Guard your food at all times.

- **LODGE GUESTS:** Keep cabin doors closed any time you leave.

- **BACKPACKERS:** Store all food in a portable canister. Less than 3 pounds, it holds up to 5-day's food for one and fits in a pack. Metal boxes in a few backcountry locations offer backup storage. Rent or buy a canister at park visitor centers or markets. Bears defeat most attempts to hang food in trees.

- **EVERYONE:** Don't let bears approach you or your food. Wave your arms, make loud noises, and throw small rocks in their direction (avoid hitting the face or head). Keep a safe distance but be persistent. If a bear does get food, never try to take it back.